

REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claims 1-13, 15-29, 31-51 and 56-63 are canceled. It is understood that the claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and that Applicant reserves the right to re-present those claims in a continuation or divisional application. Claim 14, 30 and 52-55 remain pending.

Claims 14 and 30 have been allowed, and claims 52-55 depend from allowable claims 14 and 30. Therefore, allowance of claims 14, 30 and 52-55 is respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the remarks presented herein are fully responsive to the Office Action and are sufficient to overcome the rejections presented in the Office Action. However, there may be other arguments to be made as to why the pending claims are patentable. Applicant does not concede any such arguments by having not presented them herein. Applicant respectfully asserts that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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